



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION CHIARI MALFORMATION AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: Chiari malformation, often referred to as CM, is a condition in which the lower portion of the brain (the cerebellar tonsils) descends into the spinal canal; and
- WHEREAS: Chiari malformation may result in a wide variety of symptoms such as coordination problems, muscle weakness, vision and swallowing difficulties, and/or severe headaches; and
- WHEREAS: Increased awareness and understanding of Chiari malformation is necessary to continue meaningful research aimed at discovering a cure and improving the quality of life for those affected by the condition; and
- WHEREAS: Many organizations, such as Conquer Chiari and the Georgia chapter of The American Syringomyelia & Chiari Alliance Project, Inc., celebrate September as the official month for Chiari Malformation Awareness and strive to provide support, fund research, and educate the public on the condition; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2017 as CHIARI MALFORMATION AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 17th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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